

MTA-5013  
7 November 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- October 1985

I. GENERAL

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Tel Aviv Bureau's long-awaited move

[redacted] took place on 30 October.

While the bulk of the bureau's furniture, papers, and equipment was packed and moved to the new bureau on 29 and 30 October, the actual transfer of bureau operations took place between day and evening shift on 30 October. Evening shift editors and monitors arrived on duty at the new location 2 hours early to ensure a smooth transfer of operations and the dayshift staff remained on duty at the embassy in a backstop capacity until it was clear that the transfer had been made successfully. The communications circuit at the embassy was taken down at 1500 (1300 GMT) and established at the new location at 1510. The transfer operation proceeded very smoothly and bureau personnel are adjusting quickly to their spacious new quarters.

The embassy was evacuated on 14 October due to a bomb threat; however, the all-clear was sounded very quickly and bureau resumed operations without requiring backstop assistance.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The 1 October Israeli Air Force Bombing of the PLO headquarters in Tunis set the tone for the month. The bureau filed the IDF confirmation of the raid at flash precedence and the aftermath of the incident, including reaction to the UN resolution condemning Israel kept the Hebrew team and the bureau very busy.

Before the ripples from the Tunis attack had died down Palestinian terrorists on 7 October hijacked the Italian cruise ship "Achille Lauro," demanding the release of Palestinians held by Israel. The bureau instituted round-the-clock coverage of Israeli radios 8-9 October in response to Headquarters request citing "high-level consumer interest." The bureau was also asked to keep the ambassador's office informed of developments during the night. Normal operating hours were resumed on 9 October following the surrender of the hijackers, but at 0215 GMT on 10 October the bureau reopened at the Wire's request in order to monitor developments connected with the U.S. operation to capture the hijackers.

STAT Tel Aviv and Nicosia bureaus received "a special word of thanks from high-level consumer" for the round-the-clock coverage effort, and Embassy Political Section head Roger Harrison thanked bureau editor [redacted] for keeping embassy political officers briefed on developments throughout the night.

Bureau's subscription to ITIM was terminated effective 1 October. The reasons for terminating the service were its extremely high cost and low productivity.

From 21 to 31 October, the Turkish section sampled the 0810-0815 Turkish Cypriot press review, but found it did not contain news or comment meriting coverage.

#### B. Communications

STAT The bureau telex circuit was taken down on 28 October and the equipment moved to [redacted] office. Although the machine was tested successfully in the new building on 28 October, embassy TCU served as bureau's communications backstop until bureau began operating from its new location on 30 October. On this date, bureau's telephone, remote, and primary communications lines were officially switched over to [redacted]

#### C. Lateral Services

STAT At the ambassador's request, the bureau has substantially expanded the file of material supplied to him. In particular, the bureau has added the MWR and all speeches by Arab leaders to the list of items provided. The request was made following the Ambassador's tour of the bureau in September and his talk with the visiting IG team later that month.

#### D. Technical

Bureau received the following items of non-expendable property during the month:

1. Two Comscribe printers, received from Washington.
2. One QRL-2 unit, received from Okinawa bureau.

Bureau engineers installed 2 of bureau's three remote lines using the Watkins-Johnson receivers and the QEI equipment.

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### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

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STAT      Two bureau FBN's received promotions during the month. Administrative Assistant [redacted] was promoted to 7/3. while Hebrew section monitor [redacted] successfully completed her training period and was promoted to 8/1.

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Attachments: a. Production Report  
b. Communications Report

## Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for October 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	290220
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	66980
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	804

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6078.00 min.	840.00 min.	51.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bavrak Radio in Turkish	6330
Clandestine Bavrak Radio in English	3440
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	7730
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	1990
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish	3720

CYPRUS	
Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0

ISRAEL	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	82600
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	19360
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	31210
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1450
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	21560
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English	2330
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew	3670

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	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
<b>Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English</b>			16720
<b>Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew</b>			4340
<b>Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew</b>			0
<b>Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew</b>			8170
<b>Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew</b>			16730
<b>Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew</b>			0
<b>Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew</b>			4320
<b>Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew</b>			1380
<b>Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew</b>			8470
<b>Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew</b>			8880
 <b>SOVIET UNION</b>			
<b>Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew</b>	1010		
<b>Moscow in Dari</b>	2490		
<b>Moscow in Turkish</b>	0		
 <b>TURKEY</b>			
<b>Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish</b>	26520		
<b>Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish</b>	670		
<b>Ankara ANATOLIA in English</b>	4240		
<b>Ankara ANATOLIA in French</b>	180		
<b>Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish</b>	0		
<b>Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish</b>	0		
 <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>			
<b>London BBC World Service in English</b>	710		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 85 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 290,220 ( 255,740 )

TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 66,980 ( 66,380 )

DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 11,523 ( 10,737 )

HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 20,840 on 2 October 1985

LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 4,450 on 7 October 1985

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 17.5 HOURS, 3.4 PERCENT.

OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 11.5 HOURS, 2.3 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 2 October - Problem at [ ]  
4 October - Problem at [ ] STAT  
17 October - Maintenance work on roof.  
25 October - Problems at TCU - local testing  
26 October - TCU testing equipment.  
31 October - Tape reader malfunction

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 430

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.